

**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES**

April 17, 2006

PRESENT: Ken Braga, Sanford Cohen, Kim Flannery, Christine Murphy and Alternate and Steven Hoffman

ABSENT: Margo Wheeler, Donald McConnell and Alternate Jean Burns

STAFF

PRESENT: Lisa M. Houlihan, Z/WEO and Kristin Michuad, Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Braga called the Inland Wetlands Agency (IWA) meeting to order at 7:38 PM at the Ellington Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT and read the legal notice into record.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. #IW200551 – Landmark Surveys, LLC for a permit to Conduct Regulated Activity within an Area of Influence for a 4 lot subdivision on property located on Webster Road, APN 126-002-0000.

TIME: 7:41

SEATED: S. Cohen, K. Flannery, C. Murphy, K. Braga

Rachel Dearborn of Landmark Surveys, came forward for the application. She reviewed the revisions made to the plans in response to the Town Engineers comments and CT Water Companies concerns.

Chairman Braga read the Town Engineers letter dated 3-20-06.

Chairman Braga read the CT Water Company's letters.

Chairman Braga read Landmark Surveys letter to the CT Water Company dated 3-16-06.

Chairman Braga read the letter from the North Central Conservation District dated 3-1-06.

Attorney Martin Burke was present to represent Robert Moore an abutter in opposition to the proposal. He noted that Mr. Moore contracted professional engineer Karl F. Acimovic to review the proposed subdivision. Most of Mr. Moore's concerns have been met with the latest revisions to the plans and asked that the following stipulations be added:

Conservation easement area be added to the plans as proposed by the Connecticut Water Company; that the use of lawn chemicals be prohibited; that underground tanks not be allowed; that Analysis of Septic System Impact on Wetlands be referred to in the approval.

MOVED (MURPHY), SECONDED (COHEN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR #IW200551—LANDMARK SURVEYS, LLC.

MOVED (FLANNERY), SECONDED (MURPHY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS #IW200551—LANDMARK SURVEYS, LLC.

CONDITIONS: CONSERVATION EASEMENT WITHIN 50' OF THE WETLANDS, CLEARING LIMIT IS APPROVED AS DEPICTED ON MAP DATED 9/29/05,(REVISED THROUGH 3/20/06) THE CLEARING LIMIT SYMBOL SHALL BE ADDED TO THE MAP KEY AND THERE WAS A FINDING OF NO PRUDENT OR FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

2. #IW200603 – Water Pollution Control Authority for a permit to Conduct Regulated Activity within wetlands and/or watercourses and regulated areas for installation of public sewers from Meadow Brook Road to the Ellington Airport (360 Somers Road) including a culvert crossing on Meadow Brook Road between 45 Meadow Brook Road (APN 091-011-0000) and 18 Meadow Brook Road (APN 091-001-0000), a stream crossing at 328 Somers Road (APN 092-003-0000) and a stream crossing at 360 Somers Road (APN 105-002-0000).

TIME: 8:20

SEATED: S. Cohen, S. Hoffman, K. Flannery, C. Murphy, K. Braga

Town Engineer, Jim Thompson came forward for the application. He reviewed the area of activity and the proposed work. He also added that the application was approved by DEP and Offices of Policy and Management.

Erica Bahler, Meadow Brook Road was concerned with the maple trees on the South side of her property. Mr. Thompson replied that the proposed activity will occur on the north side of the street and will not affect her trees.

MOVED (MURPHY), SECONDED (COHEN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR #IW200603—WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.

MOVED (HOFFMAN), SECONDED (FLANNERY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE #IW200603—WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. #IW200606 – Connecticut Parachutists, Inc. for a permit to Conduct Regulated Activity within an Area of Influence for location of shade tents on property located at 360 Somers Road, APN 105-002-0000.

Mark Krasinski came forward to review the application, noting that the tents will only be present during the summer months.

MOVED (COHEN), SECONDED (HOFFMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A FINDING OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE AND APPROVE #IW200606—CONNECTICUT PARACHUTISTS, INC.

MOVED (HOFFMAN), SECONDED (FLANNERY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE #IW200606—CONNECTICUT PARACHUTISTS, INC.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. #IW200601 – Landmark Surveys, LLC for a to Conduct Regulated Activity within an Area of Influence for a commercial building addition and associated improvements on property located at 408 Somers Road, APN 121-029-0000.

Mark Hoffman, Landmark Surveys came forward to review the plan and the changes that have been made to address staff and commission members concerns.

MOVED (FLANNERY), SECONDED (COHEN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE #IW200601—LANDMARK SURVEYS, LLC.

2. Show Cause Hearing Regarding Cease and Desist Order, dated December 5, 2005 issued to Shepard Farms for violations within the Shepard Farms Subdivision on Windsorville Road, APN 014-008-0010, 014-008-0011, & 014-006-0015. (Continued from the January 23, 2006 meeting)

Ms. Houlihan noted her recent conversation with Doug Nation regarding the construction narrative requested by the Town Engineer. Chairman Braga noted his visit to the site and the activity he observed; noting that some activity has occurred but activity is slow.

Discussion ensued.

BY CONSENSUS, THE COMMISSION CONTINUED THIS ITEM TO THE MAY 15, 2006 MEETING.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the March 20, 2006 Meeting Minutes.

Due to quorum issues with the current compliment of Wetlands members in attendance action must be tabled.

MOVED (MURPHY), SECONDED (FLANNERY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TABLE THE MARCH 20, 2006 MEETING MINUTES TO THE MAY 15, 2006 MEETING.

2. Correspondence:
 - a. Memo to Board of Finance from Town Planner Robert Phillips dated 3-28-06. (IWA – Contracted Services Budget Request)
 - b. THE HABITAT – Winter 2006.
 - c. CFL News – Winter 2006.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (FLANNERY), SECONDED (COHEN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristin C. Michaud